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METABOTOPIC GLUTAMATE RECEPTOR- 5

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2007.

Applicants are required to elect a single invention for examination. Subject to the traversal contained in the remarks provided below, Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I, further limited such that A is C₀₋₄alkyl, B is C₀₋₄alkyl, X is aryl, W is C₀₋₆alkylheteroaryl, Y is heteroaryl, and Z is absent, where each of A, B, X, W and Y are unsubstituted or substituted as described in claim 1.

Applicants are further required to elect a single species for examination. Subject to the traversal contained in the remarks provided below, Applicants provisionally elect the species described in Example 1 of the specification, namely 2-[1-(3-pyridin-3-ylphenyl)-1H-pyrrol-3-yl]pyridine.

Without commenting on the genus claims, Applicants respectfully point out that the species recited in claim 11 share numerous common structural features. Thus, this election is made with traverse because it is believed there is sufficient structural similarity among the compounds recited in claim 11 to present and examine this subject matter in a single application. Given the commonality of the subject matter of claim 11, examination of claim 11 as presented does not

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place a serious search burden upon the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that, at a minimum, claim 11 as presented be examined in this application.

If there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this election, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of this case.

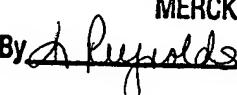
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